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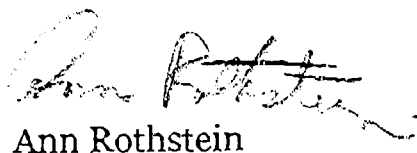
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of the Microsoft antitrust case settling. I urge the court to approve the settlement agreement, and hope that no further action will be taken against Microsoft by the federal government

The terms of the settlement agreement are more than reasonable. Microsoft has agreed to make it easier for their competitors to compete with Windows technology. They have also agreed to design future versions of Windows in such a way that computer manufacturers will be able to more easily add or remove features of Windows and replace those features with non-Microsoft software. Additionally, Microsoft has agreed not to enter into contracts that would obligate third parties to exclusively sell Windows products. Concessions of this type should certainly do away with concerns of predatory business practices on Microsoft's part.

The settlement agreement is good for consumers, and is good for the technology industry as a whole. I would like to see the court approve this agreement without any further delay.

Sincerely,



Ann Rothstein